

REMARKS

A typographical error has been corrected at page 35 of the Specification and is set forth in Amendments to the Specification at page 2 hereof.

The Examiner rejected the claims on the basis of Section 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. The claims have been amended to obviate these objections. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 39 set forth the increased strength of the mixture or combination by referencing the increase of at least one order of magnitude relative to a control. These amendments are based upon the text at page 11 of the Specification and upon the examples set forth in the application. For example, at page 11, it is also stated that implant strength increases by as much as 1,000% and toughness increases by as much as 10,000%. Table 1 at page 34 sets forth data in this regard as does Table 2 on page 35 and Table 3 on page 36.


Claim 11 has been withdrawn. Claim 8 has been amended for purpose of clarity. New dependent claims 40, 41 and 42 have been added.

It is believed that the application in its amended form is allowable. Reconsideration thereof and passage to allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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